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1.4 (b) and (d).

(S) In response to ref A non-paper, Will Gelling, deputy in the Iran Section at the Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO), told Polcounselor that the FCO had provided the State Department (NFI) earlier the week of July 30 with a British non-paper on Bank Melli that HMG is willing to share with all the P5 1 members, including Russia and China. Gelling said this UK non-paper was a "watered down" version of a previous UK background paper on Bank Melli that could not be shared with Moscow and Beijing. Although not as detailed as ref A's non-paper, this revised version did contain "useful information," Gelling told Polcounselor. The FCO had earlier received U.S. non-paper from HMG Treasury (ref B), but Gelling offered no substantive comment on it.

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